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For: **USE OF DESLORATADINE FOR TREATING  
ALLERGIC AND INFLAMMATORY  
CONDITIONS**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and

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any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.